GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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MEETING OF MPS WITH MINISTER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting was held between the Minister of Water Resources and Members of Parliament of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal States recently;

(b) if so, the points discussed and suggestions made by the Members of Parliament in the meeting; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry for the expeditious implementation for these suggestions ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes Sir. The meeting was held on 21.12.1999.

(b) During the deliberations in the meeting most of the Members of Parliament expressed their concern over the problem of floods and river erosion along the river Ganga in the reaches between eastern Uttar Pradesh and Farakka in West Bengal, delayin execution of ongoing projects in these States and for providing special financial assistance to the States.

(c) As water is a State subject, various schemes for utilisation of available water resources are formulated, planned and executed by the State Governments as per their priority out of their own resources. Accordingly, the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal have been requested to take action on the suggestions made by the Members of Parliament. A Central Team headed by the Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission, visited the erosion affected problem reaches in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal from 4.1.2000 to 12.1.2000 for on the spot inspection and assessment of the gravity of the problem in various vulnerable reaches. The Central Team has identified certain vulnerable reaches and suggested to take up remedial measures in their report submitted to the Government on 14.01.2000. The report has been sent to the concerned State Governments for implementation of the recommendations of the Central Team.